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Department of Public Health & Human Services

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Montana Healthcare Programs Notice
Durable Medical Equipment

Billing and Policy Changes

Change in Maximum Units Allowed
Effective immediately, maximum allowed units were added for the following Health Care Financing Administration Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) codes. Providers need to review the description of the HCPCS codes to bill appropriately.

A4253—Test strips per box of 50 - the maximum units are set at 5.

A4259—Lancets per box of 100 - the maximum units are set at 3.

Providers can only bill what is ordered and is medically necessary. The order needs to contain item(s) to be dispensed, quantity of items, frequency of testing and diagnosis (insulin-treated or non-insulin-treated diabetes), physician signature, date physician signed and start date of the order, if it is different than the signature date.

Policy Change
Durable Medicaid Equipment must be billed using the date of service the client receives the equipment or item.

The only exception is in the case of custom-made equipment, prosthetics or orthotics; in these instances the date when casting, molding and/or fitting the item may be used.

Because Medicaid eligibility is determined on a month to month basis, providers must check eligibility **before** an item is ordered or work has begun and **document** the client's eligibility in their file.

Change in the Billing of Automatic Blood Pressure Monitor—A4670
Effective immediately blood pressure equipment used for non-dialysis clients must be coded E1399 (durable medical equipment, miscellaneous) per Medicare Article A2988.

Contact Information

For Medicare criteria visit the CMS website:
http://www.noridianmedicare.com

For claims questions or additional information, contact Provider Relations:

Provider Relations toll-free in- and out-of-state: 1-800-624-3958
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